

APPROVED: Meeting No. 25-81

ATTEST: *Helen M. Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 23-81

June 15, 1981

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, June 15, 1981, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor pro tem Steve Abrams

Councilman John Freeland

Councilman John Tyner

ABSENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilwoman Phyllis Fordham

The Mayor pro tem in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Attorney Roger Titus; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; Assistant City Manager Daniel Hobbs; Information Officer Sue M. Patterson; Director of Finance John Lawton; Director of Public Works Robert Goodin; Director of Recreation and Parks Ronald Olson.

Re: City Manager's Report

Mr. Blick reported the following:

1. Eighty applications have been received for the summer employment program. Seventy-eight of these have been cleared and are slated to begin work on June 22.
2. A traffic time clock has been installed at the intersection of West Montgomery Avenue, Falls Road and Jefferson Street, in order to monitor the intersection so that the signals can be timed for better operation during the morning and evening rush hours.

Re: Proclamation: Amateur Radio
Week - June 21 - 27.

Proclamation No. 6-81

There being no objection from the Council, Mayor pro tem Abrams proceeded to issue Proclamation No. 6-81, proclaiming the week of June 21 - 27 as Amateur Radio Week in the City of Rockville. Councilman Tyner read the proclamation at the request of Mayor pro tem Abrams, in which it was urged that all citizens support the efforts of the amateur radio operator in the City. Mr. Ramsey, an amateur radio operator, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the association.

Re: Award of Contract: Bid
No. 48-81, Smoothseal Utility
Height Adapters

Bids were opened 3:30 p.m., May 21, 1981 in the Council Chamber for furnishing the height adapters required for utility adjustments under the annual smoothseal street resurfacing program.

Two bids were received as follows:

B&C Utility Supply, Inc., Finksburg, Maryland
Temple Foundry Co., Inc., Alexandria, Virginia

The bid tabulation for each of the two firms is shown below for comparison purposes.

Item	Quantity	B & C Bid		Temple Bid	
		Unit	Total	Unit	Total
1	12	65.00	780.00	72.00	864.00
2	153	65.00	9,945.00	62.00	9,486.00
2-A	113	44.00	4,972.00	64.00	7,232.00
3	25	66.00	1,650.00	68.00	1,700.00
4	96	9.00	864.00	No Bid	----
4-A	96	6.00	576.00	No Bid	----
5	124	9.00	1,116.00	12.15	1,506.00
5-A	124	6.65	824.60	5.65	700.60
6	14	12.00	168.00	16.70	233.80
6-A	14	6.65	93.10	5.95	83.30

Adjust Temple bid for Items 4 and 4-A + 1,440.00

TOTAL BID \$20,988.70 \$23,246.30

Following the bid request it was determined that Item 5-A will not be required. This item will be deleted from the order, which does not alter the results of the low bid. The bids have been submitted on a unit price basis with estimated quantities for cost comparison purposes. The actual quantity will be based on the need as determined by the smoothseal program. It is recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder, B&C Utility Supply Co., Inc., based on their unit price, with the quantities adjusted as needed to meet the City's needs as determined by the size of the smoothseal contract.

On motion of Councilman Freeland, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Bid No. 48-81 was awarded to the low bidder, B&C Utility Supply Company based on their unit price with the quantities to be adjusted as needed and item 5-A will be deleted from the order.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance:
To amend the zoning map by
adding 9.8784 acres of land,
more or less, of Richard T.
and Jacquelyn R. Ewing.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, there was introduced upon the table, an ordinance amending the zoning map by adding 9.8784 acres, more or less, of Richard T. & Jacquelyn R. Ewing, said ordinance to lay over one week before final action is taken.

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To amend the zoning map by
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Re: Award of Contract: Phase II -
Graphics Identity Program

Phase II of the community identity program, as proposed by staff, would include designs for use of the identity program on City cars, trucks, vans, and buses, a variety of types of signs, and employee uniforms. Staff is recommending that Phase II be implemented gradually as new vehicles are purchased, new signs are needed, and new uniforms purchased, in order to minimize the implementation costs. However, it is important to have the decals, uniform patches, and sign designs available when needed.

Graham Group was selected for Phase I of the program, not only for the firm's excellence in design and past experience, but also because their proposal was much more inclusive and included more research, more interaction with the City, and more design alternatives than other proposals, even those quoting higher prices for the project.

It is recommended by the staff that Graham Group be awarded a contract for the work program and that Phase II design work be developed as detailed in Graham Group's proposal.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the contract for Phase II of the Graphics Identity Program was awarded to the Graham Group.

Re: Approval of Draft Testimony
for Ride-On Bus Route Public
Forum.

The Council reviewed the draft testimony for consideration concerning the extension of Ride-On, Route 5 from White Flint to Congressional Plaza area. The extension will serve the Jewish Community Center, Bethany House, and Congressional Apartments. The staff supports this extension of bus service as it will provide access to not only White Flint but also to Silver Spring and the Metrorail station.

On motion of Councilman Freeland, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the testimony was approved. Since no member of the Mayor and Council can testify at the hearing, Councilman Freeland suggested a member of the Traffic and Transportation Commission attend.

Re: Approval of Amendment to
Architectural Services Contract
for the Development of Bid
Specifications for the Design
of City Hall Parking Lot

When the City Hall Addition is completed next spring, there will be a total of 52,228 square feet of office space. Since it has been City practice to follow the same requirements we demand of everyone else, the Zoning Ordinance would require the City to have a minimum of 174 parking spaces. As it stands now, at the completion of the construction, there will only be a total of 128 spaces in the existing upper and lower level lots combined -- a deficit of 46 spaces.

\$132,000 has been previously allocated by the Mayor and Council in the CIP for the City Hall Addition line item of site improvement. The area available and most appropriate for additional parking spaces is at the corner of Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street. In fact, backfill dirt has been stored there so that any surplus dirt can be used to create landscape berms to screen any proposed parking lot from the neighborhood.

The Director of Public Works and his staff believe it would not be possible for City staff to do the work needed to bring the matter to the point of contracting, not only because of existing Public Works staff workload, but because of the needed timing of the work and coordination with the main construction project.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve an addendum to the present contract with Ward and Hall in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for architectural services for the design of an extension to the existing lower parking lot.

Councilman Tyner suggested sketches be given to the Mayor and Council to show the parking arrangements. Councilman Freeland asked if the City is following its zoning ordinance on smaller cars, etc. Mr. Hobbs said it is.

On motion of Councilman Freeland, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the amendment to the contract was approved in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the design of the extension of the lower parking lot.

Re: Correspondence

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of correspondence:

1. County Executive re Maryvale School
2. Councilwoman Spector, re Empress Restaurant
3. K. Gallagher, re sewage backup
4. Molly Tilford, re miscellaneous matters
5. J. J. Delaney, Esq., re CEBCO
Raj K. Gupta, re Cebco
6. Rev. John Laney, re T-27-79

Re: Information Items

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of information:

1. Draft letter to COG re Review of TIP
The Council approved the letter to COG
2. Memo on Metro progress
3. Memo on Broome closing
4. Memo from Director of Planning re CEBCO
5. Department of Planning work program
6. Memo from L&I re sign violation

Re: Citizen's Forum

The Mayor pro tem opened the meeting and heard those persons who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. David E. Betts, 22 West Jefferson Street. Mr. Betts noted the mural that is being painted on the Metropolitan Federal Savings Building and asked the cost of this. The City Manager said the cost is \$12,000. In answer to Mr. Betts question as to who is paying for it, the City Manager explained it is part of the Captial Improvements Program where funds are devoted to art in public places. Mr. Betts said he violently objects to the spending of public funds for that type of thing and he feels the City should take seriously the mandate of the people to stop spending and spend only for what is needed and not for Froth. He then asked the Council why they are considering a text

amendment on home occupations and churches since the people clearly said they did not want such a thing at the Planning Commission forum. Why not use that sentiment instead of holding another hearing. He also noted that the people who propose the closing of South Washington Street are misguided.

2. Frank Sullivan, 8 Duke Street, South Rockville. Dr. Sullivan told the Council he has served on the Recreation and Park Board for many years and he spoke tonight in favor of the expansion of the indoor pool at the Rockville Swim Center and asked the Council to please take a positive approach to this.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor pro tem closed the citizen's forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Receipt of Feasibility Study
for the Expansion of Indoor Pool
at Rockville Municipal Swim Club

A feasibility study was presented to the Council, prepared by the Hughes Group Architects. Mr. Wayne Hughes was present this evening to address the Council and John Perreca of the Users Group Advisory Committee. Mr. Hughes did a presentation to the Council and a general outline of the evaluation and then called upon Mr. Perreca to speak. In addition to Mr. Perreca, Ms. Paula Wendt, John Paul Richard, and Harry Dodge also addressed the Council favoring the expansion. The points addressed were the facts that there is a need, the new facility will be self-supporting, it is cost effective because of shared services, it is eligible for open space funds. The Council questioned the consultant and the citizens as to the uses of the proposed new pool, expanded services, and the larger number of people that would be served by it. It was the consensus of the Council that they would like to review the study and at the same time they would like figures developed by the staff and information showing over a five-year life cycle, what is projected in increased membership and service. At the same time, Councilman Freeland suggested the use of baby bonds be explored for this facility. Councilman Freeland asked that there be no delay but the figures be returned as soon as possible. Mayor pro-tem Abrams thanked the number of citizens who came this evening to assist the Council and also the Hughes Group for their work. He suggested it be scheduled on the agenda for consideration soon.

Re: New Business

1. Councilman Freeland suggested that the Mayor and Council provide an opportunity for the citizens to confirm or deny the quote of Mayor Hanna in

a local newspaper on whether or not citizens are interested in Cable TV. This could be accomplished by a public hearing. He suggested that it might only be the Mayor's feeling and not the feeling of the citizens that they do not want Cable. He asked for the Mayor and Council's support on a public hearing to discover the citizens interest. Councilman Tyner said the 13 cities in the Maryland Municipal League/Montgomery County Chapter are interested in Cable TV. Rockville and Gaithersburg are not. He does not know what a public hearing will do. He suggested maybe a Newsletter article or write-in questionnaire, but, he knows there are problems with that. Possibly, Councilman Freeland's suggestion may help since he has heard no comment one way or the other. However, he said in fairness to the Council, it should be discussed on June 29 when the full Council is present. Councilman Freeland agreed and said he would prefer it to be an agenda item. He said if it is not placed on the agenda, he will call for a public hearing. Mayor pro tem Abrams said he shares Councilman Freeland's feelings and he would like to see something on the agenda to decide whether or not to hold a public hearing and this should be done at the next meeting.

2. Councilman Tyner gave the neighborhood improvement plan that was presented by Norma Duffin that could be distributed to the staff.

3. Councilman Tyner asked the Budget Director about the refuse funds. and asked it if was viable to pursue the situation. Miss Berman said not much can be done about one site. Mr. Titus said he is interested in the time table.

4. Councilman Tyner said according to a memo he received from staff, it would take \$2,500 to retrofit the Bouic House. He would like the City Manager to come back to the Mayor and Council with a recommendation.

5. Mayor pro tem Abrams noted that the Veirs Mill Bridge has a very hazardous curve at night. Reflectors should be placed on it.

6. Mr. Blick had presented to the Council a letter to be sent to the County regarding the Youth Services Grant. He asked the Council to review this letter and approve it. It was the consensus of the Council to approve the letter.

Re: Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Freeland, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 21-81, June 1, 1981, were approved as written.

Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Council in general session, the meeting was closed for executive session to discuss litigation.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, June 29, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.